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NEW HOPE FOR SOUTH BALBOA RESERVOIR

larry laddin

In recent years, the problem of parking and traffic congestion around City College has generated much concern on the part of residents near the campus. It is particularly disturbing to note that while our streets (and sometimes our driveways) are heavily congested the South Balboa reservoir on Phelan Ave. stands empty, as it has for many years. Of all the neighborhood issues that have emerged, the idea of opening the fallow reservoir to student parking is one which appears to have almost unanimous support among local residents.

Last fall a joint task force of both SNA and CAL members began a concerted effort to attempt to get the reservoir opened. This group (consisting of Messrs. Hoegger, Laddin, Bettencourt, Marguard, Radich,and Wall) arranged a meeting with CCSF representatives on 11-28-78. We met with Dean Davis (representing Dr. Washington), chief De Geralano, and Mr. Vaio of CCSF. The discussion centered upon ways to alleviate the parking problem, with special emphasis on the reservoir. CCSF was supportive of the idea and agreed to cooperate with us (though the inevitable qualms about how this might be funded arose).

A project for conversion of the reservoir had been funded some years ago, and to the best of our knowledge the program, although stymied, was not defunded. Further investigation revealed that the water department has no projected need for the reservoir in the coming decades. We are convinced that a project to develop the reservoir into a lot identical to the North reservoir would be feasible. Such a conversion would represent only a fraction of the projected cost of the original (and far more elaborate) project.

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SUNNYSIDE LANDMARK - ACQUISITION?

ken hoegger, editor

In our last Newsletter, Greg Gaar announced that the Board of Permit Appeals voted 4-0 to deny Mr. Robert Anderson, the owner, a request for a demolition permit. The following month, Mr. Anderson appealed to the Planning Commission to upzone his property from RH2 to RMI. The Commission rejected the upzoning proposal 4-0 after listening to the evidence submitted by a lengthy list of Sunnyside supporters.

The latest good news is the best! On March 20th, the Citizens Advisory Committee on Park Renovation and Open Space Acquisition voted to include our Landmark in the 1979-80 budget for acquisition. It is the Committee's intention that the Conservatory be maintained as a public landmark, but that it also be converted into some kind of revenue property.

We owe special thanks to the Miraloma Improvement Club, the Glen Park, and the Westwood Highlands Associations for their endorsements of the acquisition. Special thanks also to Tom Malloy of the Recreation and Park Department who at the last minute saved our acquisition proposal from being tabled by other members of the Committee. Thank you, Greg Gaar, for reviving the spirit of the Association to fight for the Conservatory. Greg presented our proposal before the Committee and referred to a "Open Space Promenade" connecting the Conservatory to Dorothy Erskine Park through a series of existing city owned easements. Hopefully,the "promenade" dream will be realized and Greg will continue his fight to save the City environment.

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The next step appeared to be the involvement of the Community College Board in this issue. To that end, a community meeting to which the Board members, Chancellor, etc. have been invited was scheduled for Thursday April 26th, at the St. Finn Barr at 7:30 P.M. In our next Newsletter we will inform you of our efforts in presenting this problem to the board. We hope to obtain their commitment for the development of a plan and cost analysis for conversion of the reservoir. This has been a vexing problem for years and this might possibly represent our best opportunity to get some effective action.

ENJOY THE QUIET: THE AIRPLANES WILL RETURN

ellen wall

Perhaps you have noticed that Sunnyside has been quiet during April. Fewer airplanes are in the skies. The peace, unfortunately, will last only as long as the United Airlines strike, which is expected to be over in June. The planes will then come thundering over our houses in ever increasing numbers.

The planes which are loudest in our neighborhood take off from Runway One and fly north over the bay, continually gaining altitude. They turn westward between Potrero Hill and the San Bruno Mountains, then turn south over Sunnyside. We hear them most loudly as they fly away from us, toward Los Angeles. They sometimes come at one-minute intervals. If airport expansion is not halted, it is possible we could have airplanes over us continually from six in the morning until midnight.

The Airport Commission, which in past years has strenuously expanded air traffic without regard to environmental effects, has at last decided that the airport is noisy. Several studies are underway to determine the extent of the damage. The largest undertaking is the "Joint Land Use Study" sponsered by San Francisco and San Mateo counties and the federal government. Their address is P.O. Box 8097, San Francisco International Airport, San Francisco 94128. San Francisco Supervisor Louise Renne has just been appointed to this Board to replace Quentin Kopp.

The airport staff itself has set up a "Noise Reduction Task Force" at the same address. The members of this committee are airport employees. At the one public meeting this group has held, members expressed dismay at the idea of limiting flights into San Francisco International and suggested filling in the Bay to build runways.

If you are concerned about airport noise, now is the time to make yourself heard. Write or call the "Land Use Study", the "Noise Reduction Task Force", your supervisor and the mayor. Tell them it is time to stop moving airport noise into Sunnyside.

SUNNYSIDE'S FIRST CONDO

john bettencourt

Sunnyside's first condominium conversion was announced at the April general meeting. The building is the twenty unit apartment now under construction at 380 Monterey Boulevard. This apartment building and its twin at 370 Monterey are the much protested project of the Occipinti - CBA Construction Co.

The members present at the April Meeting voted to not oppose the change from apartments to condominiums, but to send a letter and a delegation to the Planning Commission requesting that all the previously required landscaping and exterior finishing be completed before the units are sold, and that the extensive mud slide behind the buildings be repaired and contained from further movement.

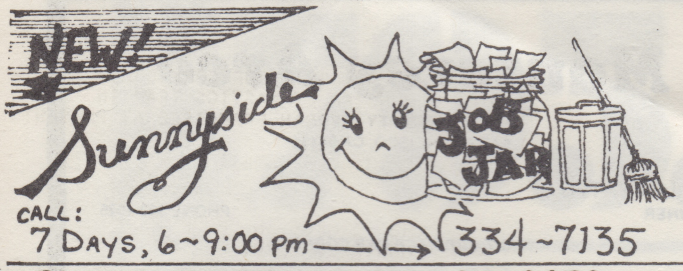
Four of the Planning Commissioners left their seats for the discussion and voting on this conversion, because they had been sued in the Superior Court by Mr. Occipinti for not approving his original plans. The remaining commissioners voted for approval of the conversion but directed the Planning Department to see that all the landscaping requirements and stabilization of the mud slide be met before issuing an occupancy permit.

WHAT'S NEW: BY-LAWS
don mccready, Ist v.p.

At the November meeting, our president, Eva Piersol, appointed Ken Hoegger, William Torres, and Don McCready to a committee to reform our by-laws. The committee met several times and reported back to the membership at the January meeting. After two readings, the by-laws were adopted at the April meeting.

The changes were made to give the organization guidelines to follow. One such change is that no meeting shall extend beyond a two hour limit without the approval of the members present. Another important change is that, for the $5.00 family membership, all members 18 years of age and older have a vote. So join in and participate. It is a family affair.

The articles pertaining to the election and tenure of officers were changed to encourage greater participation of the membership. Executive Board members are limited to three consecutive years. Officers may not seek re-election to the same position after serving one year. They may, however, seek election to a different position on the Executive Board. These changes were made and accepted in the hope that the burden of running your neighborhood association would not fall on the same shoulders, year after year. It is our neighborhood, so let us join together to maintain its unique character.



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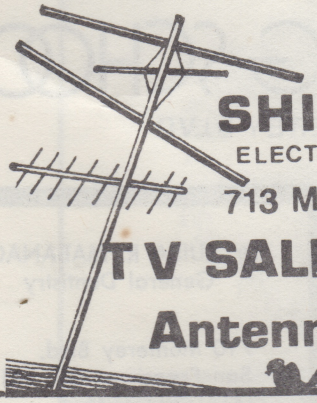

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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A nominating committee was formed at our April meeting to accept nominations for officers at our May meeting. The committee includes Ken Hoegger/239-6300, Don McCready/585-5398, and Rita DiAmica/681-4333.

We encourage all residents to actively seek nomination and play an activist role in your neighborhood. Nominations can be submitted at our May 1st meeting or be submitted to the above named committee by phone.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING

Mr. & Mrs. Anderson of 14 Hearst collected signatures from their neighborhood last March to have the preferential parking program extended to include the 0-100 block of Hearst and the 0-200 block of Baden.

Upon presenting this petition to the Department of Public Works, they were informed that their request would have to be approved by the full Board of Supervisors. Feeling very frustrated, the Andersons proceeded to call Supervisor Dolson's aide, Cathy Wiles. Cathy telephoned Norman Bray at DPW, and Mr. Bray acknowledged that these two blocks were always included in the Preferential program and could not offer any reason for their exclusion.

The original plan was to include all blocks east of Baden Street. If your home lies east of Baden and you would like the Preferential parking program extended to your block Mr. & Mrs. Anderson would be happy to assist you (333-2540).

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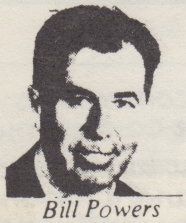
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